IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of FUKUDA, et al.

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Title: NOVEL RECOMBINANT ANTIBODY, AMINO ACID SEQUENCES

OF ITS COMPLEMENTARITY DETERMINING REGIONS AND

GENES ENCODING THE SAME

December 18, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment of the subject application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 7 and 9 as follows (see the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the below claims):

Claim 7. (Amended) An expression vector having the gene(s) as claimed in claim 5 incorporated thereinto.